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1. Porfirio Diaz Machicado, recently appointed First Secretary in the Bolivian Embassy in Mexico City,* is reported to have switched from the Partido Izquierda Revolucionario (PIR) to the government Partido de la Union Socialista Republicana (PUSR) in August 1948. His change of political affiliation was part of a deal with the PUSR by which he was given the diplomatic post in Mexico. The PIR formally expelled Diaz after his resignation.
2. Dr. Josemaro Murillo** was elected to the Central Committee of the PIR as Secretary of Control, Register and Statistics, at the party's first congress held in Oruro in July 1940. His name was included in a list of the more active members of the PIR drawn up in November 1945. Source reports that Murillo is still a member of the PIR and is considered one of the most enthusiastic sympathizers in Oruro.

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